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Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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**Re: Spectrum Needs of Emergency Responders, WT Docket No. 05-157;
The Development of Operational Technical and Spectrum
Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety
Communication Requirements Through The Year 2010, WT Docket
No. 96-86**

Dear Chairman Martin:

In reference to the letter submitted on February 8, 2006 by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council, Lucent Technologies recommends that any Notice of Proposed Rulemaking reexamining the structure of the 700 MHz band should be sufficiently broad in scope to permit consideration of all solutions that will benefit public safety agencies, in particular, by providing them access to the best available technology.

In its previous *ex parte* presentations in the above-referenced proceedings, Lucent has described the importance of providing public safety agencies with broadband capabilities. Broadband technology is developing rapidly, and it is important to create a policy framework that enables public safety agencies to benefit from the advances in technology that have been and are being driven by commercial applications. Consequently, any Notice of Proposed Rulemaking should enable the Commission to consider the full breadth of ideas and proposals that parties may offer. The result will be the most useful, efficient, and affordable solution for public safety in the 700 MHz band.

Respectfully submitted,

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